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By Norman Bordadora and Alvin Pao
WITH THE PLANNED SALE OF THE IMELDA ROMERO jewels, an old controversy returned to the public. The jewels, which have surfaced with supporters of the remaining Marcos family, are said to be the most valuable jewels in the world. The jewels were looted from the late President's collection. The jewels were looted from the late President's collection. The jewels were looted from the late President's collection.

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Terror bill sparks fears

Opposition, militants, Muslim bloc warn of creeping martial law



Cops beat up protesters; 15 arrested

By Margara C. Ortiz, Tessa V. Quintana and Tina S. Nolasco

FIFTEEN MORE DEMONSTRATORS were arrested yesterday in an anti-terror protest against the proposed anti-terror law, which is expected to be signed by President Arroyo.

The 15, all members of militant groups, were arrested yesterday in an anti-terror protest against the proposed anti-terror law, which is expected to be signed by President Arroyo.

TV footage showed a number of protesters, including an elderly woman, being roughed up by police. The number of those injured could not be immediately determined.

The arrested were Police Officers and Basil Salas of Marikina City.

By Sir C. Cabaquero and Michael Lee Lim

"AN UNDECLARED MARTIAL LAW" SUMS UP the sentiments of the opponents of the draft anti-terror bill.

But the bill approved by the House committee on justice and foreign affairs on Tuesday has the full support of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Yesterday afternoon, the President herself moderated a 30-minute program about the bill on public television and radio, in which lawmakers and security officials—including Arroyo's Chief of Staff—defended the bill.

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US opens market for Ifugao rice

By Wilson Calones
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Marinduque sues big Canadian mining company in Las Vegas

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SC to Palace: Justify EO 464 in 10 days

By Christian V. Bugarin, TJ Bugarin and Michael N. Nolasco

UNDERWRITTEN BY A SENATE challenge to the Supreme Court, President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration is drawing up the general rules for the jurisdiction of the executive branch in case of martial law.

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LET ME COUNT THE WAYS—President Arroyo explains the raging debate over the proposed anti-terror law.

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AFP on Miriam's tale: What plot?

THE ARMED FORCES IS NOT TAKING seriously Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago's story about an assassination plot against President Macapagal-Arroyo by former President Corason Aquino and Senate President Franklin Drilon.

Military officials interviewed have dismissed Santiago's claim.

One senior military intelligence official flatly denied the existence of such plot.

"None. What we have is a standing

plan by the Left" to kill the commander-in-chief, said the official who asked not to be identified.

An official military spokesman said they have no information about such plot and made it plain to reporters the AFP did not want any part of it.

"We don't know anything about that," said Lt. Col. Buenaventura Pascual, the AFP public information chief.

He did not even bother to make the perfunctory comment that the AFP

would at least investigate if such a plot is true.

Santiago, a former staunch ally of deposed President Joseph Estrada, said she heard from a friend who supposedly heard from a relative of Drilon that there was a plot to "physically remove" Ms Macapagal from office by Oct. 15.

She has since been lambasted by Drilon and some other lawmakers for concocting a "fantastic" tale. **Dona Pambujan**

Family of dead seaman to get aid

By Jerome Aning

THE DEPARTMENT OF Labor and Employment yesterday said it would facilitate humanitarian assistance to the family of a Filipino seaman who died in Taiwan last July and has yet to be buried.

"It is a matter of compassion that the necessary humanitarian assistance shall be extended to the family of seaman Randy Nadena, considering the reported plea of his widow for assistance to bury his body with dignity," Labor undersecretary for labor relations Muriel Imson said.

Imson, acting DOLE chief while Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas is abroad, said that through the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, DOLE will get in touch with Nadena family and look into the "appropriate assistance and response."

The Inquirer reported that Nadena, 34, an undocumented seaman who worked in a Taiwanese vessel, died after he apparently committed suicide by hanging himself last July 27.

US likes Ifugao rice

By Margaret M.

for organic rice," he said.

The existence of the old rice varieties grown the way the ancient Ifugao and Kalinga produced their staple has stirred interest abroad, according to Garcia.

However, not many rice are harvested in association with traditional community rituals.

However, in particular, it was said officials, according to the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), because it is planted near a post to emphasize the religious significance of rice.

Larry Lopez, a Philippine Information Agency official in Ifugao, said the "rice" varieties were cultivated in the Ifugao and Maguindanao provinces.

He said Garcia's interest suggests the "rice" varieties and "rice" varieties of rice are in Maguindanao, in particular, which passed local quality examinations.

Former products 55-62 cents of rice per 25 kg bag, and 2,000 units of rice per 25 kg bag, according to Lopez.

Officials for PhilRice in the Ifugao region have been considering a delivery in the city.

Garcia said he would like to see the rice in Ifugao, but he was not sure if he could see it, Garcia said.

"There are questions about how to get the rice from the Ifugao region to the United States," he said.

It would not be the first time the rice is grown in Ifugao and Kalinga in the United States will affect the government's campaign to

Minister posts bail for Villanueva, but ...

By Edwin C. Santos Jr.

HE SHOWED UP BEFORE THE MANILA City Regional Trial Court yesterday, saying he was his father, Isidro Villanueva, from being jailed.

Wearing a yellow police uniform, he introduced himself as Isidro Villanueva, a member of a group he called Christian Ministry Alliance.

He showed up at the RTC branch 22 building after lunch yesterday, while Villanueva was holding a press conference in a Manila hotel.

City authorities said to challenge the government's claim.

Villanueva said most employees of the state are paid the P40,000 salary for Villanueva. "I am sitting on my own. Nobody contacted me in my house," he said.

Asked where the money would come from, he said it would be from his own pocket.

Villanueva, the nephew of an arrest warrant for alleged child abuse, is refusing to report bail.

When questioning Villanueva's claim, he said he had been arrested on Nov 17, 2004, when Villanueva was arrested.

"Villanueva did not realize how he helped me. I want to help him this time," he said.

Villanueva asked the court employees if he could pay the bail for Villanueva to be released from jail.

But court clerk Isidro Villanueva said that while they could prepare the initial documents, Villanueva would have to be brought to the court for bail to personally file his claim with the court.

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modernized rice with hybrid rice varieties.

Kalinga created a hybrid rice, designed for Chinese market Yusheng Ping, producing 7.2 tons per hectare between 2002 and 2003.

The output suggests that of other rice varieties grown in the country.

Garcia said the company decided to sell rice from Ifugao's rice to help local government guarantee farmers a market for their products as they introduced indigenous varieties to stabilize the rice market.

World Heritage Site

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) has recognized the Ifugao rice terraces as one of the World Heritage Sites.

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Cop, 2 pirates slain off Tawi-Tawi

A DOZEN-STRONG anti-piracy task force, composed of police, military and navy personnel, was on a mission to hunt down a group of pirates off Tawi-Tawi, a police report said.

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The World

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UN: 130M youths illiterate, 88M jobless

LIMITED NATIONS—YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY ARE BETTER educated than any previous generation, but 130 million youth are still illiterate, more than half a billion live on less than \$2 a day, and a record 88 million are unemployed, according to a UN report.

The UN World Youth Report 2015 provides a snapshot of the 1.1 billion young people aged 15 to 24 who are increasingly entering the bright light of cities, engaging in entrepreneurial activities, and becoming more influenced by the global media than their own families and communities.

"While there is still enormous diversity

among young people worldwide, the pressures of urbanization and globalization and rapid advances in information and communications technology have already contributed to the emergence of a new global middle-class youth culture," UN undersecretary-general for Economic and Social Affairs Anneleen O'Sullivan

explains in forward to the report, which was released Tuesday.

But the 192-page report highlights the stark differences in the lives and opportunities of young people in poor African and Asian nations and richer Western countries.

Almost half of the world's 26 to 29-year-olds were living on less than \$1 a day and only 200 million, about 13 percent, were using computers or Internet for at least 10 hours a week, mostly in wealthy Asia and Asia and the Pacific, and sub-Saharan Africa, the report said.

While unemployment rates declined, the rates fell by 11 to 24 percent in Africa,

Asia and Latin America, mostly in Africa and Asia—two regions living with HIV or AIDS and "the epidemic has had a devastating impact on the school and vocational training of young people, as they are particularly vulnerable to infection," the report said.

It also described globally young people are working, adding more studies showing that, and so, technology is helping to create new jobs, although its progress has slowed in some countries.

The health of young people is also being affected by the "unprecedented increase in the use of synthetic drugs and alcohol, mostly in recreational settings," the report said.

It is a good trend, it said, "the demand for their education among youth in developing countries has risen to levels typically found in industrialized countries." The highest rates were also found among 25- to 29-year-olds, and this suggests more of young people are affected by the increase in income, health, and education and so on, it said.

The report said the statistics and trends point to one key message—investments in young people need to be increased to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Ramadan starts, Asia fears violence

BLANCA—HUNDREDS OF HUNDREDS OF Muslims across Asia mark the first day of the Muslim fast month, a month of fasting and spiritual purity but also of heightened anxiety and fear of terrorist attacks.

In recent Islamic Afghanistan declared the start of Ramadan on Tuesday after religious scholars signed the fatwas of the month, doing with the Muslim majority in the predominantly Muslim Philippines.

In Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, marks the holy month, Ramadan, along with Malaysia and Pakistan. In Thailand, and Bangladesh and India Muslims are expected to follow suit.

Believers in one or more in Ramadan on Thursday.

For many Muslims the month will bring a peaceful atmosphere of religious introspection—not the continuing threat posed by Islamic extremist's who pull some parts of South and Southeast Asia.

In Afghanistan, which is slowly sliding in and out of civil war, the month of Ramadan is a time of peace and the local and foreign forces, including the United States, are expected to observe the month.

"It's a religious, humanistic, and social month," said a spokesman for the Islamic Republic of Iran. "The religious aspect of the month does have had to do with, there is no drinking water." But some Muslims also continue to wage a religious war, four years after their brethren, the Islamic Republic of Iran, said, and the UN has warned attacks will continue throughout the month.

Between Afghanistan and Iran, Islamic Republic of Iran said the holy month was a time to appreciate the progress the country had made over the past year.

"This year it's good because we're the president," he said, referring to his own country, the Islamic Republic of Iran, which passed off peace talks on Sept. 18.

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US troops mount biggest attack

WASHINGTON—U.S. TROOPS MOUNTED their biggest offensive this week against al-Qaida militants in northern Iraq, the military saying 2,500 troops attacked militants around Baghdad.

Two months after the last push against Islamic fighters ended with al-Qaida still in control, in the absence of local fighters in the two-year-old war, American troops have started to push the group, according to Baghdad's military and the Islamic Republic of Iraq, the military said.

In northern Iraq, the military said, troops from Afghanistan, the United States and the United Kingdom are joining the Islamic Republic of Iraq to offer a "big push" against the militants by using the battle to their advantage, the military said.

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Reuters

US, N. Korea hold direct talks

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES AND North Korea have begun direct talks for the first time since the two nations nearly a decade ago to abandon its nuclear weapons program, says US energy said Tuesday.

Christopher Hill, the chief US negotiator to the Beijing-based multilateral meeting aimed at dismantling North Korea's nuclear weapons network, said that the bilateral talks were held between his staff and officials from North Korea's US mission in New York.

The talks were aimed at fully reaching special talks with North Korea to push through with international efforts, including North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program in return for security guarantees, energy aid and normalization of relations.

"We have had contacts through the New York channel," Hill, the chief US diplomat for East Asia, said Tuesday without specifying when or how many rounds of talks were held.

This is the first time the United States had announced it had held direct meetings with North Korea since the last time the two nations

agreed to give up its nuclear program at the end of the first round of the six-party talks in Beijing in Sept. '94.

The two countries do not have diplomatic relations.

On Tuesday in Pyongyang, which Hill has no access to since last flying the water diplomatically said he had "not finalized" any new plans yet.

He had indicated earlier that the step to the North Korean capital—the first in three years by a top US official—would take place before the fifth round of multilateral talks in November.

Instead of the usual round of talks, "I would not know" on bilateral diplomatic contacts and hope to have US officials conduct "informal."

The last time a US official visited Pyongyang was in October 1993 when US Secretary of State James Baker, then Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly, accused the North of hiding a program for enriching uranium, triggering the current nuclear crisis.

The North responded to the accusation by throwing out weapons inspectors and leaving the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It

February this year North Korea admitted having built nuclear weapons.

Although North Korea agreed to give up its nuclear arsenal in return for a series of benefits under the six-party accord, it insisted that any dismantlement would only begin after it received high-level assurances from the United States to allow its government power under civilian nuclear activities.

The United States maintains however that any dismantlement is a gradual nuclear program for North Korea to take place only after Pyongyang demands to nuclear weapons come.

At the other hand, such as normalization of relations with the United States and energy aid, US officials said North Korea would voluntarily receive them while it dismantles its nuclear program.

The "improvement of relations" of North Korea and the other parties under the accord is not in January next, the first round of talks in Beijing next month, Hill said, adding that the talks were going to be "long."

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WARBAND FIGHT

People watch a water buffalo fight during the Luchang Festival in Nankai, southwest China's Sichuan province on Oct. 4.

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2 Americans, German win Nobel Physics

TECHNICAL AMERICANS ROY J. GLASHER and JOHN L. Hall and German physicist PIETRA H. HALL won the 2001 Nobel Prize for groundbreaking work on understanding light, a quest, as yet, in January next, the first round of talks in Beijing next month, Hill said, adding that the talks were going to be "long."

As long as humans have populated the earth, we have been fascinated by optical phenomena and gradually accumulated the science of light," the Academy says. "With the aid of light, we can create ourselves in our daily lives or observe the most distant galaxies in the universe."

Optics has become the tool of the physicist dealing with light and Glasher, an 80-year-old physics professor at Harvard University, took half the Nobel prize for establishing the basic of quantum optics, which explained the fundamental difference between the behavior of wave-like light and solid matter.

Glasher, who was on the staff of the Max-Planck Institute which developed the quantum laser—the United States' first laser—shared the prize with Hall, who was born in 1925.

Hall and Glasher shared the other half for advancing the development of laser-based precision spectroscopy, a field that opens the way to the most precise tests of quantum mechanics and ultra-precise atomic clocks.

"Lasers with extremely sharp colors can now be constructed," the Academy said in the award citation, and Glasher, 75, and Glasher, 65.

Hall works at the University of Colorado and the National Institute of Standards and Technology while Glasher is a physics professor at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany and runs the Max-Planck Institute for Quantum Optics in Garching.

Their work had made it possible to develop "extremely accurate clocks" and improve satellite-based navigation systems (GPS) for anything from car and boat trips to distant journeys through space, the Academy said.

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N. Orleans by itself

NEW ORLEANS—Mayor Ray Nagin's decision Tuesday to declare the city an official disaster zone and suspend the city's normal government operations, while thousands of workers and residents of the city's poorest neighborhoods are still recovering from the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, the city's mayor said Tuesday. The city's mayor said Tuesday that the city's poorest neighborhoods are still recovering from the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, the city's mayor said Tuesday.

Bush defends Miers

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush on Tuesday defended a reported criticism of his Supreme Court nominee, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, saying that the criticism was "a distortion of the facts" and that the criticism was "a distortion of the facts" and that the criticism was "a distortion of the facts."

Hurricane in Mexico

MEXICO—Hurricane Stan struck the Gulf coast of Mexico on Tuesday, killing at least 10 people in Central America. The storm struck about 100 miles west of the city of Toluca in a Category 1 hurricane with winds of nearly 120 mph, although it then made little impact on the coast. The storm struck the Gulf coast of Mexico on Tuesday, killing at least 10 people in Central America.

Pakistan death sentence

ISLAMABAD—A Pakistani court Tuesday sentenced four men to hang for their role in the 2002 attempt to assassinate President Pervez Musharraf. The court said they were involved in an attempt to assassinate the president in 2002. The court said they were involved in an attempt to assassinate the president in 2002.

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Palawan folk to miss 'chaolong'

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IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, Palawan's regular money-eating "ray fish," a Vietnamese delicacy, will be gone.

Only a few of the almost 3,000 refugees who first landed in Palawan in 2001 remain and most of them are now being resettled.

Most, a Filipino married to a Vietnamese, said less than 20 families are staying in the Vietnamese village, some 12 km from the coast.

These include those with Filipino wives and those waiting for their flight to the US.

The first batch of Vietnamese refugees in the Philippines, mostly from Palawan, left on Sept. 26, followed a chemical flight to the US.

This, after the US government agreed to accept the Vietnamese in London starting Sept. 25, through the help of the International Office of Migration.

Except for those who have married Filipinos, almost all of them are seeking greater freedom in the US, America, New Zealand or any country that would accept them.

Some Vietnamese, who have established themselves in Palawan, are now selling their vehicles and things because they know that the embassy would sell for them.

Friends

Neal Nguyen, 23-year-old nursing student at the Holy Trinity College, said his family was waiting for the US Embassy



THE CHAOLONG, or bean sprouts, will be missed by Palawan folk when the Vietnamese refugees finally leave the city. — JUAN TORIO

office for their flight to Northern California where their relatives are staying.

The arrival among the last batch who left on Sept. 21.

He said the planned to continue his studies there, find a job, help his family, and eventually return to California.

Neal said the last he enjoyed in the Philippines because she is just supposed to have any romantic relationship while waiting.

When the leaves, along with her parents and three younger siblings, she will see her friends, the Filipino women, and go to school.

Neal's favorite singers are Regine Velazquez, Justin Time and Riza Dapitan.

Chaolong

One said their most missed food in the US is the bean sprouts in their country would be chaolong.

But if there is one thing Vietnamese like most about the Vietnamese, it is that they are friendly, usually known as "Chaolong."

Most of the Vietnamese have a weekly dry business, which means they "Chaolong." These are based at the Palawan Princess City.

It is a term related from the delicious food made with bean sprouts and wild vegetables.

It is a favorite among locals, especially among those who stay out late in the evening because most "Chaolong" are open 24 hours.

Chaolong, French bread and Vietnamese spring rolls have become part of the local cuisine, just like the native cuisine.

Traders

In the Vietnamese Village, other women selling Vietnamese goods a living selling

goods ranging from jewelry to underwear to household items.

They go around town on motorcycles showing their merchandise at each location.

A trader vendor said she will surely miss her good "friend" because she is so used to the market every day buying supplies for the chaolong.

Some who offer items to market here are still waiting for their flight to the US, but they will surely be missed when they go to the US.

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Calamity-stricken villages get schools from power foundation

By Orlan Maki
 Staff, GMA

THREE NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS were turned over by the National Power Corporation (NPP) to local school officials on Sept. 28 as part of the foundation's relief and assistance program to the calamity-stricken villages of Tiguan, Kibara and Cawayan in Real, Quezon.

The NPP also distributed several boxes of school books.

Tiguan Elementary School principal Gloria Acosta said that the building was completely destroyed by the typhoon that came from the hill at the back of the school.

She said the new books would be used by Grade 1 pupils.

Others expressed their excitement over the new school buildings during the calamity-stricken villages.

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Metro jeeps, buses defer fare hike

By Clarissa S. Batino

A CALL FROM TRANSPORT SECRETARY Leandro Mendoza over the weekend prompted Metro jeeps and buses to hold—for now—a plan to ask for a P1.50 and P2-increase in their minimum fares.

“The decision not to file any petition for now was made in deference to President Macapagal-Arroyo with whom the transport groups would like to meet so they could explore alternative ways to address the surging fuel prices,” said lawyer Vigor Mendoza, spokesperson of the transport groups.

Metro jeep and bus operators were poised to submit their fare hike petition this week, their second for the year. Jeeps and buses started collecting a P2-fare increase last June 21, raising their minimum fares to P7.50 and P8 respectively.

The move was announced at a meeting yesterday of leaders from the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng Tsuper at Opereytor Nationwide or Piston, Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines or Fejodap, the Alliance of Transport Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines or Altodap and the Makati Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association or Mjoda. Heads of Metro and provincial bus groups also attended the meeting.

Before considering a new fare increase, transport groups had exhausted efforts in pursuing non-fuel remedies to stave off a fare increase.

But their proposal had fallen on deaf ears. The threat of an increase, however, reportedly made Mendoza sit up and listen.

Jeepney groups wanted the government to scrap the emission testing that required each unit to pay P1,300 upon registration.

They had also pressed for the implementation of the no-fault third party liability insurance, which had been waiting for the transport department’s approval for a year.

Transport groups also sought a suspension of the duties and taxes on the importation of spare parts and wheels, apart from financial support and incentives so they could explore alternative fuels like liquefied petroleum gas.

Drivers had been buckling under the pressure of increased fuel costs. The price of diesel had gone up by P6 a liter since public utility vehicles raised their fares in June, Mendoza said. From about P26 a liter in June, diesel now costs roughly P32 a liter. The energy department had projected a continuous increase in the prices of petroleum products.

Taxis also have a pending petition for a P15-increase in fare. Provincial aircon buses have also asked for a 25-centavo per kilometer increase in fares. Both are seeking their first fare hike petition this year.

Motorcycle thieves nabbed in Parañaque

By DJ Yap

BOUGHT A MOTORCYCLE FOR P6,000?

That cheap beauty was probably stolen by thieves.

Five suspected motorcycle thieves were caught in separate police operations in Parañaque City on Sept. 23 and Oct. 4. They were presented to the media yesterday by National Capital Region Police Office director Vidal Querol at the Kamuning Police Station in Quezon City.

Police said their modus operandi involved inserting a screwdriver-like object to the ignition key of a parked motorcycle, starting the engine and driving away.

On interrogation, the suspects admitted they sold the motorcycles for as low as P6,000 in Imus, Cavite.

Operatives station of the Anti-Carnapping Division of the Southern Police District in Parañaque City caught two notorious car thieves inside Moonwalk Subdivision on Sept. 23.

They were identified as Ireneo Papa and Richard Garcia, both of Kalsadang Luma, Imus. Police recovered four stolen motorcycles from the suspects.

On Oct. 4, Michelle Abrera, Omar Guevarra and Orlando Olalez were apprehended in follow-up operations, police said.

At the same press conference, a notorious robbery group allegedly responsible for “payroll hold-up” incidents in Valenzuela City was also presented to media.

Seven suspected members of the “Jiovanie Magaso Group” were arrested at their hideout in Sapa Bisalao, Bagbaguin on Oct. 4 by Northern Police District operatives.

Recovered from the group were P40,000 in cash, a ladies’ wristwatch, a shoulder bag containing a passbook and other documents, a hand grenade, a .38 caliber revolver and five bladed weapons.

Catalina De Los Reyes, 33, a clerk of Metro Power Services Agency and Company, positively identified the suspects as the ones who robbed her before police attending the press conference.

Tribu Sugbu subdues Valencia dribblers in two overtimes

VALERIO CITY—(JOSHUA) Valencia City's eighth straight win in 10 games last night in the basketball finals of the 2003 National League. The team defeated the 10th-ranked Valencia City 71-60 in a game that was a battle of attrition. Valencia City's defense was the key to their victory. Valencia City's defense was the key to their victory.

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Lamplay sparkles as Kings prevail

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ADB sets aside P2.4B for SME development in RP

By Renee W. Domingo

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) has said it will provide a total package of about P2.4 billion for the development of small and medium enterprises in the country.

ADB officials said in a statement that the package includes a \$25-million loan, a partial credit-guarantee facility of about \$10.4 million, and a small enterprise development fund of \$1.5 million.

According to the Manila-based multilateral lender, the ADB expects a mix of new investments for 2005-2007 estimated by the ADB board of directors last July.

The package of projects is under a lending program that would amount to up to \$1.5 billion, depending on the progress on sector reform and fund consolidation.

Small Business Finance and Finance Corp., the private sector's leading bank for SMEs, was named operating agency for the first-year project, which will start in January 2006.

See **Microfinance**, page 10, for ADB terms.

national economic, and the project supports Indonesia's 10-Year Agenda as it would help stimulate SME development in the country, contributing to sustainable growth and prosperity.

"The contribution of a public sector loan and a private sector facility allows the project to target different segments of the SME market and will hopefully expand financing to SMEs," it emphasized.

The ADB loan is backed by a government guarantee and would serve as a revolve line to SR Corp., which would in turn provide SMEs with no access to bank financing.

ADB's loan carries a 15-year term, including a grace period of three years. The partial credit guarantee facility equivalent to P1 billion will be offered to encourage external private sector financial institutions to expand their SME portfolio, particularly to medium-sized enterprises outside SR Corp.'s target group.

Further, an equity investment of up to P1 million, at not more than 50 percent of the pre-

post cost for a planned credit institution loan, would help establish a comprehensive and credible credit institution system.

The entire project is supported by a technical assistance grant to strengthen credit management systems for SR Corp., and a separate \$400,000 grant from the Asian Fund for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship to help set up the Philippine business agency.

BIR eyes new program ...

By Renee W. Domingo

easy to apply for the program, the amount of tax they should remit must be at least 20 percent higher than the income tax they paid the previous year. They also must have a turnover of at least P10,000 for individuals and P100,000 for corporations.

The program, however, disqualifies taxpayers who have already been assessed income tax under EWO, or a final assessment under EWO in the last three years (2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004) or who are delinquent in paying their unpaid tax liabilities and adding taxes to purchase tax.

The BIR failed to clarify, however, whether the EWO would replace the existing No Audit Program (NAP), which was also designed to encourage voluntary remittance of unpaid tax payments. NAP failed to achieve its target of increasing 100,000 delinquent taxpayers, and has had only 10,000 and 15,000 taxpayers enrolled.

The EWO is part of the new policy adopted by the BIR in terms of giving after-tax benefits.

Still, Gilliespie, who explained the reason for the EWO, said he was to increase revenue and bring in more taxpayers to the system.

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Inflation eased ...

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for September 1990 was 131.5, down from 131.6 in August. This marks the first time in over a year that the CPI has fallen. The decline was due to a drop in the price of food, which fell 0.2 percent. The price of energy also fell 0.1 percent. The price of services, however, rose 0.1 percent. The overall inflation rate for September was 0.1 percent, down from 0.2 percent in August.

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Metrobank holds forum on UITF

METROBANK, THE COUNTRY'S LEADING bank, recently launched a series of designed to educate the public on the benefits and risks of UIC (Universal Insurance Certificate). The forum was held at the Metrobank Building in Manila, and was attended by many people. The forum was a success, and it is hoped that it will help to educate the public on the benefits and risks of UIC.

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BUSINESS

Tariff differential sought by refiners opposed

By Miguel L. Ho

THE DISSENTING PHILIPPINE Refineries Company Association (PRCA) is strongly opposing moves to allow the world market for imported crude and refined petroleum products to give refineries a competitive advantage.

The group wants to stop their opposition up to the Supreme Court if the government would slash crude-oil-refinery taxes.

"The government should not let itself be manipulated by big business into giving its rivals more

power, to the detriment of those who entered the market on the promise of a level playing field," says John Bernardo, chairman of the PRCA.

He said oil refiners should not use the threat of a refinery closure to gain enough leverage in negotiating with the government for a tariff differential between crude and refined petroleum products, as well as for any other form of incentives.

The capital receipts outlined by refiners Petron Corp. and Phil-

star Shell Petroleum Corp. should be enough incentive for them to stay in the refinery business, he said.

Based on regional benchmarks, he said crude was priced \$13 to \$20 per barrel lower than those of refined petroleum products.

"This is a huge price difference. Refiners should already see this as an incentive to them, for their investment in operating refineries and more for future expansion," he said.

Shell general manager for ex-

ecutive John Peter's Representative said the oil firm would decide by next year whether to expand its refinery here or start a deep-sea refinery.

He said Shell was taking into consideration the output from refineries in the region, demand for motor and the additional investment from the government.

The oil firm is waiting for the government's decision on the provision of a tariff differential between crude and refined products, as well as on possible per-

missions for oil refiners, he said.

He added that Shell was also doing a 15 percent return on its low ROE, something that oil firms were accused of doing in the regulated regime.

Right now, he said the oil firm was only paying an 8.5 percent company tax on its 1 percent.

"We really want to know what the government's strategy is with respect to refiners. Are they happy with just one refinery? Who is it that nobody's investing in the country? The government

should make it the environment right and good for people to invest," he said.

Bernardo said, however, that a tariff differential was neither his nor his firm's.

Not only would that directly run against small oil players, but that particular provision was already why the first revision of the Oil Refineries Law was introduced by the Supreme Court in the '90s, he said.

"We are fair. Only Petron and Shell will care in this economy," he added.



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